

## Wetlands Division Highlights and Priorities

### OUR MISSION

*EPA's Wetlands Program motivates and inspires the Nation to value, protect and restore the ecological integrity of its wetlands and aquatic ecosystems. We accomplish this through our co-leadership of the Clean Water Act's wetlands regulatory program and by fostering effective wetlands management in our strategic partnerships with states, tribes, local governments and other key partners.*

### KEY PROGRAM AREAS

- Waters of the U.S.
- CWA 404 program
  - Support for Regions and coordination with Corps (and Services) on permit issues
  - Compensatory mitigation
- Monitoring and assessment of wetland conditions
- Enhancing state and tribal programs
  - Wetland Program Develop Grants (\$15M STAG)
  - Targeted technical assistance
  - Wetland Water Quality Standards (WQS)
- Partnerships to protect and restore wetlands and streams

### PRIORITY ACTIVITIES AND HOT ISSUES IN FY16

**Redacted - Non-responsive**

- Other hot regulatory issues - [REDACTED] Cargill Salt Ponds special case; [REDACTED]

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